

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicants submit herewith replacement drawing sheets, marked in the top margin with the indicia "Replacement Sheet" in accordance with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. No new matter has been introduced by this submission.

REMARKS

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, in which the shortened period for response expires on February 30, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-12 are currently pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 3-5 and 8-12 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1 and 2 are allowed. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,535,503 (hereinafter "Newman"). Claim 7 contains allowable subject matter but is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

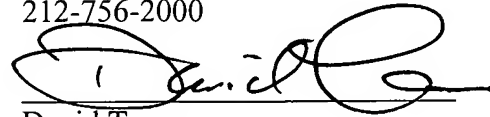
In rejecting Applicants' independent claim 6, the Examiner asserts that the limitations of the claim are taught in Newman. *Office Action, Page 4*. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Newman fails to show the limitation of a slack forming member that is integral with the attachment jig and extends through the opening formed between an outer periphery of a stator body and a coil wire connector (the limitation originally presented in claim 7). The Examiner confirms on page 4 of the Office Action that this limitation contains allowable subject matter.

Since Newman does not teach the aforementioned limitation, Applicants have proposed amending the claims, as reflected under the heading Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper, to include this limitation. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention as defined by independent claim 1, claim 2 which depends therefrom, and amended independent claim 6 are patentable over the cited prior art reference.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that this patent application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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